

AMENDMENTS IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph beginning at page 19, line, with the following paragraph marked to show changes:

-- In some preferred embodiments, a solvent can be added to the reaction for the oxidation of the poly(fluorene). As an example of these embodiments, the oxidizing agent or agents are added to the mixture of the poly(9-fluorene) and the solvent and the oxidation reaction then occurs. Any solvent may be used for this purpose, as long as it does not prohibit the oxidation reaction. Preferred solvents include: aliphatic carboxylic acids such as acetic acid, propionic acid, and butyric acid; fluorinated aliphatic carboxylic acids such as trifluoroacetic acid and pentafluoropropionic acid and the like; halogenated hydrocarbons such as methylene chloride, chloroform, carbon tetrachloride, dichloroethane, trichloroethane, tetrachloroethane, trichlorotrifluoroethane; water; and their mixtures. Among them, aliphatic carboxylic acids are more preferable because of cost of production. --